

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Decision on Appeal mailed March 27, 2007.

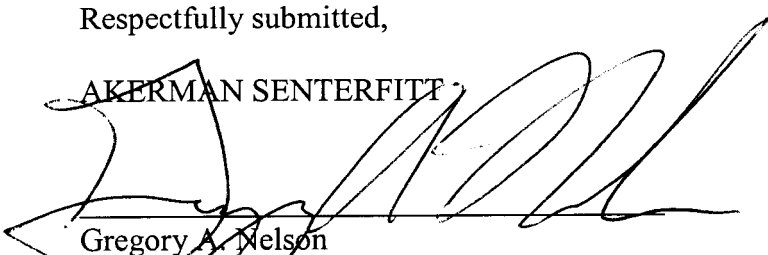
The Decision on Appeal reversed the rejection of claim 3. In regard to claims 1, 2 and 4-24, the Decision on Appeal affirmed-in-part the Examiner's rejection of the claims based upon Sigler (US Patent No. 5,722,537) in view of Briggs et al. (US Patent No. 5, 641,464), and also asserted new grounds for rejection of those claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2 and 22-24. Additionally, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form and claims 4-5, 7-9 and 12-21 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 3.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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